

FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Words of Praise Uttered by William Penn in His First Description of Him.

William Penn, when he came to America, gave a most interesting account of the Indians whom we met. "They are generally tall, straight, well built and of singular proportion," he said. "They tread strong and clever, and mostly walk with a lofty chin. Of complexion black, but by design, as the gypsies in England. They grease themselves with bear's fat, clarified, and, using no defense against sun and weather, their skins must needs be swarthy. Their eye is little and black. The thick lip and flat nose, so frequent with the east Indians and blacks, are not common to them, for I have seen as comely, European-like faces among them of both sexes as on your side the sea, and truly an Italian complexion hath not much more of the white, and the noses of several of them have as much of the Roman."

"Their language is lofty, yet narrow; but, like the Hebrew in signification, full. Like shorthand in writing, one word serveth in the place of three, and the rest are supplied in the understanding of the hearer; imperfect in their tenses, wanting in their moods, participles, adverbs, conjunctions, interjections. I have made it my business to understand it, that I might not want an interpreter on any occasion; and I must say that I know not a language spoken in Europe that has words of more sweetness or greatness in accent and emphasis than theirs."

"In liberality they excel. Nothing is too good for their friend. Give them a fine gun, coat or other thing, it may pass 20 hands before it sticks. Light of heart, strong affections, but soon spent. The most light-hearted creatures that live. They feast and dance perpetually. They never have much nor want much. Wealth circulates like the blood. All parts partake, and though none shall want what another hath, yet exact observers of property."

COFFEE AS A FUMIGANT.

Clears a Room of Offensive Odor More Quickly and Thoroughly Than Any Other.

"Coffee is an excellent fumigant, and one whose pungent odor vanishes more quickly than those in ordinary use," states Prof. Marcus I. Epstein, reports the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "No matter what the disagreeable odor in the apartment may be, the coffee not only drives it out, but absorbs it, decomposes it, one might say, and replaces it with the healthy odor of coffee, which cannot be disagreeable to even the most sensitive."

"A proof of the fact that coffee actually absorbs the other odor is found when the coffee is first burnt. If it simply drove the other odor from the room, the smell of coffee around the stove would be very strong, but it can hardly be noticed for some minutes and then appears generally in all portions of the place being fumigated. To use coffee as a fumigant, a quantity must be crushed and placed on the top of a very hot stove and allowed to burn either directly on the stove-lids or in a receptacle provided for the purpose. It destroys all odors effectually, and its own odor will vanish in one-fifth the time it takes to get rid of sulphur. Furthermore, one may move about in the room at will without suffering any inconvenience. A test of the utility of burning coffee for this purpose was recently made."

"A quantity of meat in a very bad condition was placed in a room and allowed to remain there, with the doors and windows closed, for some hours. When the room was opened the odor was such that none could enter without protecting their nostrils, but a quarter of a pound of coffee poured on the stove caused it to vanish completely in less than five minutes, and three minutes later the coffee odor had disappeared and the atmosphere was fresh and sweet."

Population of Canada.

Canada's population west of Lake Superior was, 50 years ago, 3,600. The population west of Lake Superior to-day is 600,000, and is 75 per cent. British and Canadian born, 25 per cent. foreign birth.

JAPS STUDY EXPLOSIVES.

Results of Their Knowledge of Chemistry Shown in War with Russians.

Probably no eastern nation is more strongly represented than are the Japanese in the English annals of science and more particularly in literature on chemistry. They possess an undoubtedly strong faculty for original research and they combine this factor with a sharp-sightedness as to the possibility of practical application of the fruits of research. The Japanese chemist, in fact, unites the power of originality of the English chemist and the practical intuition of the German. At the University of Tokio practical study is much favored and splendid facilities for work are provided in the laboratories and workshops.

There are several distinguished Japanese chemists who are fellows of the English Chemical society and who were elected to the fellowship on account of the excellence of their contributions to original science. Many elaborate papers involving long and patient laboratory investigations are printed in full in the transactions of the society. The Japanese chemists discuss with a freedom which astonishes the western chemists all the modern abstruse theories bearing upon atomic theory, the constitution of matter, the theory of dissociation, and so forth. They write powerful dissertations on the views already advanced by such esteemed thinkers as Ostwald, Arrhenius, Kelvin, Thomson, Lodge, Crookes and Ramsay, and have offered valuable criticisms on the methods of systematizing and compiling atomic weights adopted by western chemists.

Chemistry, of course, is a powerful weapon in war and there can be little doubt that among other things which have so far contributed to Japanese successes is a sound knowledge of explosives, their composition, action and behavior under a variety of conditions. When there is no longer any need for the implements of battle, and may that soon be, the same subtle insight which is so remarkable a feature of the Japanese intellect may turn with equal success to the application of science to peace pursuits.

SETTING THE CLOCK AHEAD

A Senseless Practice That Is Met With in a Great Many Homes.

It is a common thing to find the clocks in nine out of ten households either 15 minutes or half an hour fast, and should you happen to be in a hurry or mention the fact that you have to be going, you are at once reassured by the fact that you have no cause to hurry, as the clock is so much ahead of the time, says the New York News.

Has it ever occurred to you why clocks are usually put ahead? Some physicians have said that it is due to laziness, for it is such a satisfaction to the lazy man to find when he has to get up at seven in the morning and strains his half-closed eyes to look at the clock, that it is a little fast.

Said a watchmaker when asked about the subject:

"Yes, it is a peculiar thing with most people, to put their clocks fast, and while there may be some satisfaction in it when it comes to dozing a little longer, there is really no advantage in it, for when you wake up, say, at six and glance at the clock and it registers six the fact remains that it is a half hour fast. While this may make you feel easier, knowing that you still have 30 minutes to doze, I confess I don't see much advantage in it."

"Why not have the clock right? It is the same thing in the end."

"Suppose railroads were to put this into practice, how many trains do you think people would miss thereby? This putting clocks fast is really only a pleasant form of deception which people like to practice on themselves, but it does more harm than good."

On the Bargain Counter.

He—A penny for your thoughts. She—I'm very much afraid you would not get full value for your money.

"What were you thinking of?" "Of you."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

HORSES TURN AMPHIBIOUS

Group in Australia Dive to River Bottom for Succulent Weeds to Eat.

While on a cattle station in western Australia, Henry Taunton had an opportunity of seeing a remarkable instance of the way in which animals can adapt themselves to their surroundings, says a writer in Australasia.

"On the upper reaches of the river there was a large pool, just fordable at most times, but in a dry season very low," he says. "Among the horses making their run in the vicinity of this pool, an old mare and a number of foals and yearlings used to come down every day in the long, dry summer, when the herbage was scant and scorched into dryness. They waded into the pool until the water nearly reached their heads, and stood there for hours, diving to the bottom for a mouthful of succulent weeds, which they chewed at leisure with their dripping heads raised above the water."

"The first time I witnessed this strange sight was during a dry season, when I was riding with the overseer in search of some strayed stock. As we approached the pool my companion bade me keep quiet if I desired to see something well worth looking at. As we rode quietly up to the pool I saw a group of horses standing in the water and disappearing from time to time as they ducked their heads below the surface. My wonder was soon at an end, when I saw one of their heads suddenly come out with a mouthful of dripping weeds. No sooner was this mouthful disposed of than the head disappeared in search of another."

"The overseer told me that during a long drought some five or six years previous, when hardly a vestige of feed was left on the run, and bush fires had laid bare the sand plains, the old mare had discovered that there was plenty of luscious feed at the bottom of pools, which could be procured by diving for it; and, having once put her discovery into practice, she continued to do out of preference what she had been driven to do by necessity."

"The several generations of foals which she had reared had all followed her example, although none of the full grown horses had joined the amphibious group. Here, then, seemed to be a new variety of horse in evolution, which, if left undisturbed, might breed and separate from the run, perhaps to survive through droughts severe enough to exterminate all others."

WHEN MEN HAND OUT TIPS

Nothing Is Too Good When They Are With Ladies at the Table.

Boarding at one of the hotels is a woman who takes an interest in everything. Coming down to breakfast one morning, relates the Chicago Inter Ocean, she discovered that her waiter had been replaced by a new man. She asked for the old man.

"He's been transferred to the buffet," was the reply.

Seeing the old waiter in the corridor the next week she sent for him.

"I suppose you like being downstairs much better," she said, "because you have men to wait upon?" "I don't like it at all, ma'am," he replied.

"You don't like it! How can that be, with none but the tip-giving sex to serve?"

"It's this way, ma'am," says he. "Down there the men don't give tips of any amount, sometimes not as much as women do."

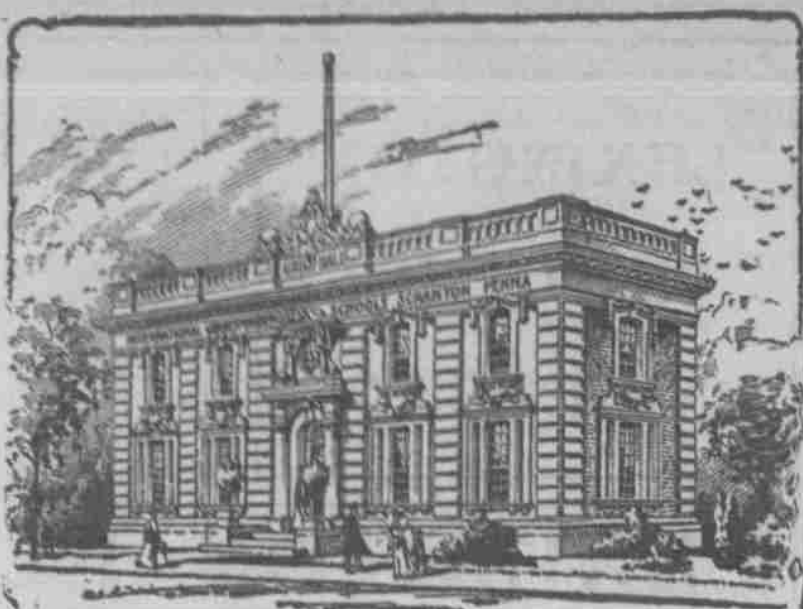
"But you told me some months ago that they do," interrupted this sociological investigator.

"That's when they are with ladies. Then nothing's too good, and they are ready to pay handsomely for the best possible service. When they're alone most of 'em simply wants something good to eat without unnecessary frills. Some meals they tip moderately and some they don't."

Only Natural.

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